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SERBIAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY PROGRESSES -- Glas, No 1359, 6 Nov 49

The enterprise "Nikogas" at Zemun manufactures dry ice. Previously dry ice was only manufactured in Sisak. "Nikogas" also manufactures permutite (aktivit-jugotit) which is a preparation for softening water in steam boilers. The product is very cheap. One ton of permutite is sufficient to supply a large boiler unit for a whole year. The raw materials for its manufacture are available throughout the country. They are: sand, kaolin, and ammoniate of soda.

Cattle hoofs, out of which an oil can be produced which does not thicken at the lowest temperatures, is a valuable raw material found in Yugoslavia. This oil is indispensable for lubricating precision instruments and clocks. In the leather industry, hides are covered with this oil for elasticity. In this manner the quality is improved by 50 percent. This oil is manufactured in the "Ratko Pavlovic" mill.

A lacquer for the preservation of canned food is now being produced at the Komuna enterprise. The lacquer prevents the acid in the can from acting on the metal and damaging the content, which causes poisoning.

The enterprise "Beli Medved" produces black wax from domestic raw materials.

A soap made of a mineral colloid instead of animal fat is being produced in the soap factories "Merima" in Krusevac and "Albus" in Novi Sad.

Rich colored earth has been discovered in Serbia out of which oil colors are being manufactured.

The "Milan Blagojevic" enterprise in Smederevo manufactures economical kitchen ranges of poor quality.

NEW GLASS FACTORY BEING BUILT IN SERBIA -- Elovenski Porocevalec, No 259, 4 Nov 49

Next to the old glass factory in Paracin, Serbia, which among other things produces optical glass, a large new hollow-glass factory is being built. It will be five times larger than the old factory, and also the largest and most modern factory of its kind on the Balkan Peninsula. At the beginning of next year new automatic machines will be produced in the first room of the glass factory. Two additional rooms will be built during the following year. Also a huge warehouse has been built which will be able to store 100 carloads of glass. Above the warehouse there is a department for engraving and grinding glass.

The new factory will employ 50 percent more workers than the old. On the modern automatic machines six workers can accomplish the same amount as 210 workers who work by hand and blow the glass. A new bottle machine imported from Czechoslovakia, which can produce several hundred thousand bottles in 24 hours, is now being installed. In the old rooms of the factory, chamotte bricks will be manufactured from domestic clay which is dug at Aranđelovac. The glass factory in Paracin will be the first combine of the glass industry in Yugoslavia.

NEW CELLULOSE FACTORY BEING BUILT -- Celobodjenje, No 948, 7 Nov 49

A new sulfite cellulose factory is being completed in the vicinity of the Sana River near Prijedor in Bosnia and Hercegovina. In addition, warehouses, towers, a thermal electric power plant, a railroad track, and streets are also being constructed. The cellulose factory is connected by railroad with Grmec, Kozar, Klekovic, and other mountains, which will supply the necessary lumber. After the factory begins to operate, Yugoslavia will produce 110 percent more paper than prior to the war.

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NEW ASBESTOS FACTORY PROGRESSES -- Slovenski Porocevalac, No 259, 4 Nov 49

Last fall a new asbestos factory located in Eorlac, near Racka in Serbia, began production. It is the most modern of its kind in the Balkans. The asbestos mine which supplies the factory is 2 kilometers from the factory. A narrow-gauge railroad connects the mine with the factory. Electric power is furnished to the mine and factory by the thermal electric power plant of the Ibar mines.

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